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Executive Order No. 19-96

EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE MONTANA LEWIS & CLARK BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Expedition has great historical significance to the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the 200th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition will occur in the years 2003-2006; and

WHEREAS, Montana needs to plan its involvement in, and coordinate state activities for, this bicentennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Montana consult with other states and national organizations concerned with the celebration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, specifically 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby continue the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory Council.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to recommend to the

Governor ways in which the Council can:

- 1. promote public awareness of the historical significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and encourage the identification, appreciation, and protection of historical sites and outdoor recreation resources along the Lewis and Clark route;
- 2. coordinate with other Montana commissions, bureaus, agencies, and boards regarding the Council's activities that relate to the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, thereby fostering state recognition of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial;
- 3. accept donations, generate revenue and disperse funds to assist in the development of Montana-based events commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial; and
- 5. communicate and conduct activities with other states along the Lewis and Clark route, the National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, the National Park Service's Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Supervisor's Office and other federal departments, bureaus and committees concerned with the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial for the purpose of fostering state and national recognition of the significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

II. COMPOSITION

The Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory Council

shall be comprised of not more than 20 members. The names and addresses of members who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor are submitted by separate letter to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Montana Historical Society and the Secretary of State. Staff support shall be provided by the Montana Historical Society.

III. COMPENSATION

Council members eligible for compensation under 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be compensated by the Department of Commerce, Tourism Promotion Division, at \$25 for each day actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of Council duties. All members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to 2-15-122(5), MCA.

IV. DURATION

This Council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Executive Order, unless otherwise ordered by subsequent Executive Order.

This Order is effective immediately.

SEAL of the State of Montana, this 2 day of August, 1996.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State